GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4054
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2000
BILL ON RESERVATION
BUTA SINGH

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present the reservation of appointments and posts for the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes is restricted to the lowest rung of Class I services;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) since when and under what circumstances this restriction was imposed and the practice before imposition of this restriction;

(d) whether the said restriction has anything to do with the so-called `efficiency factor` in administration;

(e) if so, the details of scientific study` if any conducted in this regard;

(f) the reasons for not implementing the mendate of extending reservation policy to the higher rungs of services and appointments as provided under Article 16 (4A) incorporated to the Constitution through the 77th Amendment Act making provisions for reservation in matters of promotion to any class or classes of services and posts; (g) whether the Government propose to bring out an Act of Parliament for effective implementation of the provisions of Articles 15(4), 16(4) and 16(4A) of the Constitution; and (h) if so, the progress achieved in this regard since 1993 and the status of Bill on reservation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (e): Reservation for SCs and STs is available in all Groups of posts which are filled up by direct recruitment and by non-selection method of promotion. Keeping in view the provisions of Article 335 of the Constitution reservation for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes in the posts filled by selection method of promotion is available upto lowest rung of Group `A` posts.

(f): Article 16(4A) was incorporated with the objective of continuing the policy of reservation in promotion existing prior to the incorporation of this Article.

(g): No, Sir.

(h): Does not arise.